

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S649–S703

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2074–2086. **Page S680**

Washington's Farewell Address: Senator Moy-nihan read Washington's Farewell Address. **Pages S649–54**

Iran Nonproliferation Act: Senate began consideration of H.R. 1883, to provide for the application of measures to foreign persons who transfer to Iran certain goods, services, or technology, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S657–68, S671–72**

Adopted:

Lott/Daschle/Levin/Helms Amendment No. 2820, to make certain improvements to the bill. **Page S658**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that a vote on final passage of the bill will occur on Thursday, February 24, 2000 at 11:30 a.m. **Page S672**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

David J. Hayes, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior. **Pages S702, S703**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John Edward Herbst, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Howard Franklin Jeter, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

A. Elizabeth Jones, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Rose M. Likins, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador.

Laurence E. Pope, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the State of Kuwait.

Johnnie B. Rawlinson, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Donnie R. Marshall, of Texas, to be Administrator of Drug Enforcement.

3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

23 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m., and adjourned at 6:06 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, February 23, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S702.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000, after receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Senator Roth, Chairman, Joint Committee on Taxation; James W. Ziglar, Senate Sergeant at Arms, Wilson Livingood, House Sergeant at Arms, Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol, and Gary Abrecht, Chief of Police, all on behalf of the U.S. Capitol Police Board; James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress; Daniel P. Mulhollan, Director, Congressional Research Service; and Michael F. DiMario, Public Printer, Government Printing Office.

FOREST SERVICE'S ROADLESS POLICY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management

concluded oversight hearings on the Administration's memorandum for the Secretary of Agriculture on the protection of forest roadless area and the Forest Service's actions that are planned in response, focusing on the review of approximately 40 million acres of national forest lands for increased protection, after receiving testimony from Michael Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, and James R. Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, both of the Department of Agriculture.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN AND CHILDREN TRAFFICKING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs concluded hearings to examine the scope of international trafficking in women and children, and S. 1842, to combat trafficking of persons in the United States and countries around the world through prevention, prosecution and enforcement against traffickers, and protection and assistance to victims of trafficking, after receiving testimony from Frank E. Loy, Under Secretary for Global Affairs, Teresa Loar, Director, President's Interagency Council on Women, Harold H. Koh, Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, and Wendy Chamberlin, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, all of the Department of State; Laura J. Lederer, Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, Gary A. Haugen, International Justice Mission, and Regan E. Ralph, Human Rights Watch, all of Washington, D.C.; and a protected witness.

EAST ASIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded hearings to examine U.S. foreign policy priorities and challenges likely to emerge in East Asia in the year 2000, focusing on economic recovery and political stability, after receiving testimony from Stanley O. Roth, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Randolph D. Moss, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Julio M. Fuentes, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, and James D. Whittemore, to be

United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, all of the Department of Justice, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Fuentes was introduced by Senators Torricelli and Lautenberg, and Mr. Whittemore was introduced by Senators Mack and Graham.

MEDICAL ERRORS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee held joint hearings with Committee on Appropriations' Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education to examine the Administration's and certain industries' responses to the Institute of Medicine's report on medical errors, focusing patient safety issues, receiving testimony from John M. Eisenberg, Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Department of Health and Human Services; Thomas L. Garthwaite, Deputy Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health; I. Steven Udvarhelyi, Independence Blue Cross, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the American Association of Health Plans; Thomas R. Russell, American College of Surgeons, Washington, D.C.; Dennis S. O'Leary, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois; and Arnold S. Relman, Harvard University Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts, on behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

U.S. ASSISTANCE TO THE ANDEAN REGION

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Committee concluded joint hearings with the Committee on Finance's Subcommittee on International Trade to examine U.S. assistance options in support of the Andean Region anti-narcotic efforts, focusing on Plan Columbia and the Andean Trade Preference Act, after receiving testimony from Barry R. McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Thomas R. Pickering, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; Richard W. Fisher, Deputy United States Trade Representative; and Gen. Charles Wilhelm, Commander in Chief, U.S. Southern Command.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session. The House will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 29 for morning-hour debates.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: On February 17, the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Inspector General. Testimony was heard from Roger C. Viadero, Inspector General, USDA.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: On February 17, the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on the Legal Services Corporation. Testimony was heard from John McKay, President, Legal Services Corporation.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: On February 17, the Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Defense Medical Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Rudy DeLeon, Under Secretary; William Lynn, II, Under Secretary; and Sue Bailey, Assistant Secretary.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: On February 17, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, the National Institute of Drug Abuse and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NIH, Department of Health and Human Services: Claude Lenfant, M.D., Director, National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute; Harold Slavkin, DDS, Director, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research; Alan I. Leshner, M.D., Director, National Institute of Drug Abuse; and Enoch Gordis, M.D., Director, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: On February 17, the Committee continued hearings on the Fiscal Year 2001 National Defense Authorization Budget Request. Testimony was heard from the following Gen. Wesley K. Clark, USA, Commander in Chief, U.S. European Command, Department of Defense.

CONDUCT OF MONETARY POLICY

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: On February 17, the Committee held a hearing on the Conduct of Monetary Policy (Humphrey-Hawkins). Testimony was heard from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System.

OVERSIGHT—HIGH-RISK GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on the Budget: On February 17, the Committee held a hearing on "Oversight of 'High-Risk' Government Programs." Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller, GAO; Donald Mancuso, Deputy Inspector General, Department of Defense; Susan Gaffney, Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development; June Gibbs, Brown, Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; and Lorraine Pratte Lewis, Inspector General, Department of Education.

LOW-POWER FM STATIONS—REGULATION BY FCC

Committee on Commerce: On February 17, the Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on the FCC's Low-power FM: A Review of the FCC's Spectrum Management Responsibilities in addition to H.R. 3439, Radio Broadcasting Preservation Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Bruce Franca, Deputy Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology, FCC; and public witnesses.

21ST CENTURY WORKER SHORTAGES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: On February 17, the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on 21st Century Worker Shortages. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HHS DRUG TREATMENT SUPPORT

Committee on Government Reform: On February 17, the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing on HHS Drug Treatment Support: Is SAMHSA Optimizing Resources? Testimony was heard from Janet Heinrich, Associate Director, Health, Finance and Public Health Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: On February 17, the Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3058, Anti-Atrocity Alien Deportation Act; and H.R. 2883, Adopted Orphans Citizenship Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Foley; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Gerri Ratliff, Director, Business Process and Re-engineering Services and Acting Director, Office of Congressional Relations, Immigration and Naturalization Service; and James Castello, Associate Deputy Attorney General; Edward A. Betancourt, Director, Office of Policy Review and Interagency Liaison, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
BUDGET**

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: On February 17, the Committee held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2001 budget for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

PATIENT RECORDS CONFIDENTIALITY

Committee on Ways and Means: On February 17, the Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Confidentiality of Patient Records. Testimony was heard from Margaret Hamburg, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

CHILD PROTECTION REVIEW SYSTEM

Committee on Ways and Means: On February 17, the Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Child Protection Review System. Testimony was heard from Representative Greenwood; Olivia A. Golden, Assistant Secretary, Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**RUSSIA RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): On Thursday, February 17, commission concluded hearings to examine the current status of religious liberty in Russia, focusing on minority religious group harassment, after receiving testimony from Robert Seiple, Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom, Department of State; Anatoly Krasikov, International Religious Liberty Association, Moscow, Russia; Pastor Igor Nikitin, Union of Christians, St. Petersburg, Russia; Rabbi Levi Shemtov, American Friends of Lubavitch,

Washington, D.C.; and Father Leonid Kishkovsky, Seacliff, New Jersey.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D100)

H.R. 2130, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to direct the emergency scheduling of gamma hydroxybutyric acid, to provide for a national awareness campaign. Signed February 18, 2000. (P.L. 106-172)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 23 through February 26, 2000

Senate Chamber

To be announced.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: February 23, to hold hearings to examine issues dealing with water quality, 9 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Appropriations: February 23, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

February 24, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed supplemental appropriations for fiscal year ending September 30, 2000 for foreign assistance to Colombia, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

February 24, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Commerce, 11 a.m., SD-138.

February 24, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense, focusing on safety initiatives, 11 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: February 23, to hold closed hearings on issues dealing with the situation in Kosovo, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

February 24, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on recruiting and retention within DOD and the Military Services, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: February 23, to hold oversight hearings on the Monetary Policy Report to Congress pursuant to the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978, 10 a.m., SH-216.

February 24, Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, to hold oversight hearings on HUD's Community Builders' Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

February 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the nomination of Kathryn Shaw, of Pennsylvania, to be a

Member of the Council of Economic Advisers; and Jay Johnson, of Wisconsin, to be Director of the Mint, 2 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: February 23, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine, to hold oversight hearings on activities of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK), 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: February 23, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-366.

February 23, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold oversight hearings on the White River National Forest Plan, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

February 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the high cost and low supply of home heating oil, crude oil, and transportation fuels, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

February 24, Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, to hold hearings on S. 1722, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for sodium that may be held by an entity in any 1 State; H.R. 3063, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to increase the maximum acreage of Federal leases for sodium that may be held by an entity in any one State; and S. 1950, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 to ensure the orderly development of coal, coalbed methane, natural gas, and oil in the Powder River Basin, Wyoming and Montana, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: February 23, to hold oversight hearings on the President's proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2001 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

February 24, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2001 for the Army Corps of Engineers, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: February 23, to hold hearings on the U.S.-China Bilateral Trade Agreement on China's accession to the World Trade Organization, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

February 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Medicare reform, focusing on prescription drug costs for seniors, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: February 24, to hold hearings to examine the AIDS crisis in Africa, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

February 25, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps, Narcotics and Terrorism, to hold hearings

on the proposed emergency anti-drug assistance to Colombia, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: February 24, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the day trading industry and its practices, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

February 25, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to continue hearings to examine the day trading industry and its practices, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: February 23, to hold oversight hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for Indian programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: February 23, to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

February 24, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings on pending intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: February 23, to hold hearings on S.1673, to amend titles 10 and 18, United States Code, to protect unborn victims of violence, 10 a.m., SD-226.

February 24, Full Committee, business meeting to consider H.R. 1658, to provide a more just and uniform procedure for Federal civil forfeitures; S. 2042, to reform the process by which the Office of the Pardon Attorney investigates and reviews potential exercises of executive clemency; S. 577, to provide for injunctive relief in Federal district court to enforce State laws relating to the interstate transportation of intoxicating liquor; and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business: February 24, to hold hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2001 for the Small Business Administration, 9 a.m., SR-428A.

House Chamber

The House was not in session today.

House Committees

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: February 23, to hold hearings to examine cyber-threats to the U.S. economy, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 23

Next meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the recognition of two Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11:30 a.m.), Senate may consider any cleared legislative or executive business, including S. 1134, Affordable Education Act.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.



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